

Traffic and Parking Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 27, 2014

Rockport Police Station, Conference Room

In attendance: Tom McCarthy, Joe Parisi

Guests: Roberta Josephson, Zee Seppela

Meeting opened: 1:30 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes of the April 24, 2014 Meeting: Parisi moved to accept the minutes; McCarthy seconded the motion; the vote to accept the minutes was unanimous.

Seagull Street: McCarthy and Parisi completed a site visit and recommend limiting parking to one side of the street for the entire Seagull Street, Martha's Lane loop; and to restrict parking near the corners on both sides of the street. Parisi defined this parking problem as a safety issue because emergency vehicles cannot pass through the area when extensive street parking occurs. This problem happens primarily during school hours with student parking and during major school events. Ms. Josephson expressed concern about street drainage in the area and Parisi agreed to do a site visit during a heavy rain storm to observe the problem. Parisi moved to designate a no parking area on the easterly side of Seagull Street (the odd numbered side) and a no parking area on the westerly (even numbered) side of the street at the corner. McCarthy seconded the motion and it was voted unanimously. The next step is to submit this recommendation to the Board of Selectman for their approval.

Stockholm Avenue Bus Stop: McCarthy and Parisi completed a site visit and agree with the resident's recommendation to move the bus stop to 32 Stockholm Avenue. No change in signage is needed; currently most school bus stops do not have specific signs to delineating the bus stop.

Squam Hill Road Parking: McCarthy reported that originally Mr. Johnson posted his own signs in the area of his quarry to limit parking which the police department enforced. The gate was then erected by the Town on Town property to increase safety in the area. Prior to designating resident only parking spots in the area of the quarry entrance, the Town must improve the quality of the road and currently the budget does not have the funds designated. The Committee does not support a recommendation to change parking in this area.

Pending List:

Granite Street by Halibut Point: McCarthy and Parisi will do a site visit and recommend changes to increase safety in the area.

Christian Science Church: McCarthy discussed designating specific parking on Sunday mornings for members of the Christian Science Church with area shop owners. Shop owners are not supportive of this recommendation.

Parker Street: A speed study has been completed; MASS DOT will be making a recommendation soon.

Driver Feedback Signs: The funding request for the driver feedback signs for Doctors Run, High Street, Main Street and Mt. Pleasant Street were denied by the Capital Improvement Committee. No further action by the Traffic and Parking Committee.

Adjournment: McCarthy moved, Parisi seconded and it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 2:26 p.m.